Line 13:   after "played." insert -- Suitable decks include, for example, blackjack decks, Pan-9 decks, Carribean stud decks, California blackjack decks, or super-pan-Pan-9 decks --;

Lines 24-26:   delete the current sentence and replace with the following -- The apparatus is also controlled to allow for manual retrieval of all cards retained within the apparatus in the event that the locking means is in a locked status. -- ; and

Line 30:   after "sets." insert -- The apparatus may also include means to determine the physical integrity of cards, the physical integrity comprising one or more factors selected from bent, torn, nicked, and marked, and optionally including means to physically eject any card determined to lack the physical integrity. The apparatus may also be adapted to print or direct a printer to print verification dated. --

Page 11:   Replace all lines with the following:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to an apparatus for randomizing and verifying sets of playing cards. Also, the invention relates to a processing providing such an apparatus; feeding to the apparatus one or more cards either after they have been played in a game or from an unrandomized or unverified set of cards; and manually retrieving a verified true set of cards from the apparatus. Also, the invention relates to a process of playing in a casino setting or simulated casino setting, a card game comprising providing such an apparatus, feeding unverified sets of playing cards to the apparatus, and recovering verified true sets of cards from the apparatus.

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1.   Apparatus for verifying and sorting or shuffling sets of playing cards comprising:

A. control means;

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